

North Korea-Russia border rail traffic surging with unknown cargo, satellite imagery shows

Korean unification think tank Beyond Parallel claims satellite images show a major increase in covered, unknown shipments across the border

Railway traffic across the border of North Korea and Russia has surged since last month with unknown cargo.

US-based Korean unification think tank Beyond Parallel examined satellite imagery of railcars and transportation facilities between the two countries and found traffic “far greater” than any point in the last five years.

“In the aftermath of the Kim-Putin summit, satellite images as of October 5, 2023, captured a dramatic and unprecedented level of freight railcar traffic at North Korea’s Tumangang Rail Facility located on the North Korea-Russia border,” Beyond Parallel wrote in a report published Friday.

The report continued, “In light of a U.S. government official’s statement yesterday that North Korea has begun transferring artillery to Russia, it is probable that these shipments are to support Russia in its war with Ukraine.”

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